HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 500
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A RESOLUTION relative to hunting, fishing and other recreational activities on privately owned land.

WHEREAS, Tennessee law requires sportspersons to obtain permission from the landowner before hunting, fishing, trapping or taking wildlife on the landowner's property; and

WHEREAS, most sportspersons are very courteous and respectful of private property rights and would never consider hunting or fishing on private property without the landowner's permission; and

WHEREAS, a small minority of sportspersons discourteously engage in such activities on private property without the landowner's permission, and thus create a problem for both law-abiding sportsmen and landowners; and

WHEREAS, other sportspersons are simply not cognizant of Tennessee law on this subject, and inadvertently trespass on private property; and

WHEREAS, it is very important that educational information on Tennessee law relative to hunting and fishing on private property should be disseminated among the general public by state government on a more visible and user-friendly basis; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That the Department of Agriculture and the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency are hereby directed to create a partnership to improve the educational process in

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Tennessee relative to the laws governing the use of privately owned land for hunting, trapping and fishing and other recreational purposes.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Department of Agriculture and Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency shall jointly report on their progress in implementing this partnership to the full General Assembly no later than February 1, 1999.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an enrolled copy of this resolution be transmitted to the Commissioner of Agriculture and the Executive Director of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency.

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